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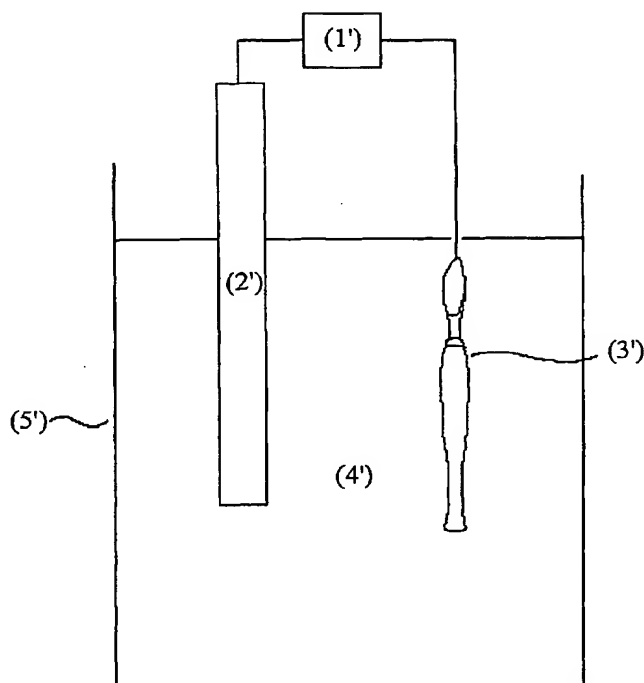
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(57) Abstract: A method of decontami-  
nating, disinfecting or sterilizing an article  
which method comprises placing the  
article in an electrolytic system with an  
oxygenated electrolyte (4') and applying  
a potential difference to the electrolytic  
system. The method is particularly suitable  
for the sterilization of stainless steel surgical  
instruments (3') wherein the instrument  
comprises the cathode in the electrolytic  
system.

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